

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 10-24, and for the indication that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicants have amended claim 4 into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 upon which it previously directly depended. Applicants thus respectfully request a notice of allowance with respect to amended claim 4.

Claim 5 stands objected to for containing "minor errors." The Examiner noted on page 2 of the Office Action that claim 5 "is worded in such a way as to appear to not convey a complete thought." Applicants respectfully assert that claim 5 is in allowable form without amendment. Claim 1 recites a notification system "for at least one power supply coupled to a computer network. . . ." Claim 5, that depends directly from claim 1, recites a "notification system of claim 1, further comprising the at least one power supply coupled to the computer network." Thus, Applicants respectfully believe that claim 1 recites a system for use with a power supply while claim 5 recites that the power supply is part of the system. If the Examiner still objects to claim 5 as written, Applicants respectfully request a suggestion as to how claim 5 might be amended such that the Examiner would not object to claim 5.

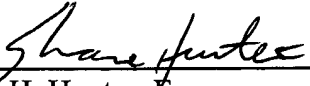
Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,955,946 (Beheshti). Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9 are patentable in view of Beheshti.

Beheshti does not teach, disclose, or suggest at least the recited reporting features of claim 1. Claim 1 recites a notification system including a computer system adapted to detect entry of a critical state of a power supply, and to report over a computer network a combination or an entry time of the critical state and an exit time of the critical state, or a duration of time as a difference between the entry and exit times. Conversely, Beheshti discusses providing a binary indication that an alarm/facility contact closure has or has not been in a certain state for a validation time. Beheshti does not, however, teach, disclose, or suggest the recited reporting of entry and exit times of a critical state, or reporting the duration of time as the difference between

the entry and exit times. Thus, independent claim 1, and claims 3, 5, 8 and 9 that depend from claim 1, are patentable in view of Beheshti.

Claims 2, 6, and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Beheshti and information asserted by the Examiner to be "well known." The asserted information, however, does not make up for the deficiencies noted above, and the Examiner does not assert that it does. Thus, claims 2, 6, and 7, that depend from claim 1 are patentable over Beheshti and the asserted well-known information.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

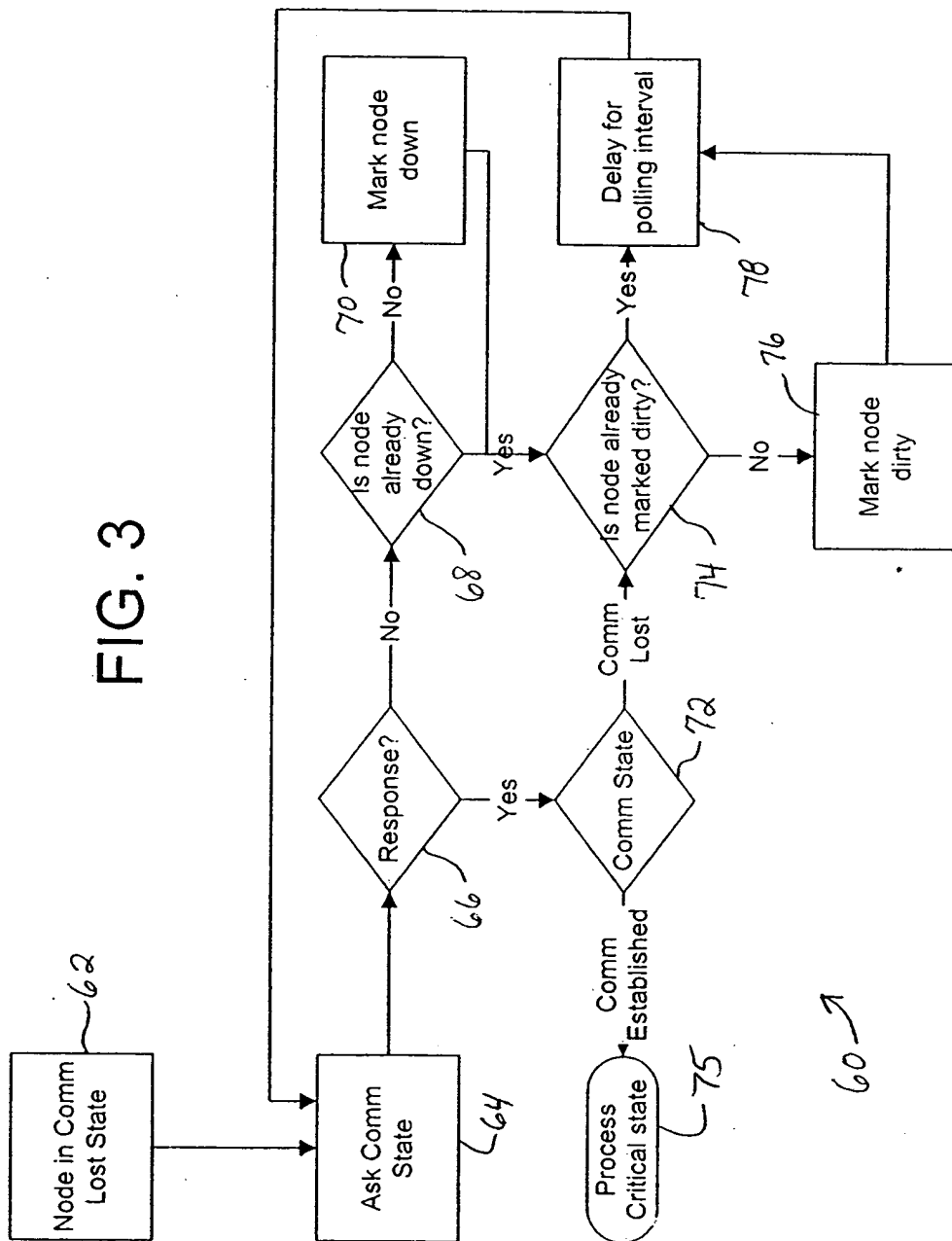


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